

material is internally reinforced in a longitudinal direction and said implant has a helical configuration.

2. (Amended) The surgical implant of claim 1, wherein elements selected from the group consisting of microfibrils and fibrils internally reinforce the material.

3. (Amended) The surgical implant of claim 1, wherein elements selected from the group consisting of fibers, wires, braids, and ribbons internally reinforce the material.

4. (Amended) The surgical implant of claim 1, wherein the implant has a screw-threaded configuration.

5. (Amended) The surgical implant of claim 1, further comprising a second biodegradable material wherein said second material is internally reinforced in a longitudinal direction and said implant has a second helical configuration, wherein the helical configuration and the second helical configuration are at least partially nested within each other.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Please insert Figures 19-22, attached hereto.